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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken by the Public Works Department to take up the work immediately ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of an offer made by the Pattanacad Canal Committee to undertake the digging of this canal at one third of its estimated cost provided the Government acquire the sites necessary for the same ; and

(*d*) whether any action has been taken on this representation ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) ; (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, for want of funds.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes, an undertaking was taken to that effect and necessary detailed estimate has been prepared and sanctioned.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : What is the estimated cost for the acquisition of the necessary site for the canal ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The total cost is altogether Rs. 18,900 including the cost of acquisition. Separate figures regarding cost of acquisition are not readily available.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know whether administrative sanction for the scheme was given in 1111 or 1112 ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It was given in September 1936.

Maintenance of the Alleppey-Aroor Road.

339. ✻**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent by the Public Works Department for the maintenance of the Alleppey-Aroor road in 1110 and 1111 ;

(*b*) the maintenance amount spent in 1111 per mile for the main central road and for a mile of the Alleppey-Aroor road ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of the very bad condition of the Alleppey-Aroor road ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Rs. 12,431 in 1110 and Rs. 12,941 in 1111

(*b*) Rs. 421 per mile for the main central road and Rs. 454 per mile for Alleppey-Aroor road.

(*c*) The road is getting worn out on account of traffic and steps have been taken to get the damaged portions repaired.

Improvement of canals in Shertala.

340. ✻**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether they have received any representation urging the necessity of deepening and improving Thankey canal, Ariparambu canal and Pallitodu canal in Shertala ; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes, regarding Ariparambu canal and Pallitodu but no representation about Thankey canal.

(*b*) Preliminary investigations regarding the two *todus* have been conducted.

Railway freight on coccanuts.

341. ✻**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the freight realised by the railway authorities from Quilon and Kundara Railway Stations in 1110 and 1111 for taking cocoanuts to Madras ;

(*b*) whether any concession in freight was allowed by the railway authorities for the same, if so, what ; and

(*c*) who made negotiations with the railway authorities to secure this concession in freight for the cocoanuts exported from these stations?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) There was no export of cocoanuts direct to Madras from Quilon or Kundara in 1110. The total amount of freight realised in 1111 on cocoanuts exported to Madras from Quilon Railway Station was Bh. Rs. 5958-8-3, and that realised in the Kundara Station was Bh. Rs. 14742-12-0.

(*b*) During the year 1111, the normal freight of Bh. Re. 1-9-6 per maund of cocoanuts exported from Quilon to Madras was reduced as a concession to annas 12 per maund. The Railway freight has been reduced from Bh. Re 1-4-4 to annas 12 per maund for cocoanuts booked in waggon loads from Kundara direct to Madras.

(*c*) Government have not been informed by the Railway Company.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know, with reference to the answer to part (*c*). of the question whether Government tried to ascertain who made the negotiation ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

Road from Kumarapuram market to Tamanam on Cochin Frontier.

342. ✻**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what action has been taken on the representation made for opening a road from Kumarapuram market in the Kunnatnad taluk to Tamanam on the Cochin frontier ; and

(*b*) what would be the cost for opening the same ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) A preliminary investigation was conducted and it was found that the road proposed would cost a heavy sum. As there are other more urgent roads to be opened in the taluk, no further action has been taken in the matter.

(*b*) Rs. 75,000 approximately.

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